

1 April 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, ESTIMATES GROUP

Subject: Preparation of ORE 10-48

1. Annexed is a chronology of the preparation of ORE 10-48. The earlier phases are as reconstructed on 8 March. In the future I shall keep a detailed diary on such projects.

2. The total elapsed time on the project is 73 days, including 54 normal working days. P/GS working time amounts to 15 days, including 4 weekend days, but not counting overtime at night. A considerable proportion of the work done by P/GS should have been done by E/EE. The Difference between 54 and 11 -- 43 normal working days -- is mostly attributable to:

- a. Priority of other work (ORE 69, ORE 6-48, etc) -- some 20 working days.
- b. Time consumed in working level coordination with departmental agencies -- some 8 working days.
- c. Time consumed in final coordination with departmental agencies -- some 11 working days.

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Chief, Global Survey Group

ANNEX

CHRONOLOGY OF ORE 10-48

Mon, 19 Jan: Project suggested by P/GS to NSC Staff, which requested ORE 69 at once and decided to include direction for ORE 10-48 in NSC 5/1, then in preparation.

Tues, 20 Jan: Forgoing reported to Branches, as an alert.

Wed, 21 Jan: Assumptions for ORE 10-48, as framed by NSC Staff, reported by Chief, ICAPS, to the Director; his memo forwarded to ORE as an alert.

Fri, 23 Jan: Forementioned memo received in ORE.

Mon, 26 Jan: Forementioned memo received by P/GS

Tues, 27 Jan: NSC Staff agreed to a restatement of the assumptions on advice and at request of P/GS.

Wed, 28 Jan: Preliminary consideration begun in B/NE, in consultation with B/EE, subject to priority of ORE 69.

Mon, 2 Feb: NSC 5/1 submitted to National Security Council.

Wed, 4 Feb: ORE 69 sent to press.

Thur, 5 Feb: ORE 6-48 initiated, at NSC Staff request, as a matter of priority.

Tues, 10 Feb: ORE 10-48 discussed with B/EE; primary responsibility of that Branch agreed upon; its contribution, prerequisite to that of B/NE, to be given priority over all except ORE 6-48.

Wed, 11 Feb: Tentative outline for ORE 10-48 distributed to B/EE, B/NE, B/WE, and B/No, and procedure of preparation discussed.

Thur, 12 Feb: Further discussion with B/NE; active preparation of B/NE contribution begun.

Thur, 12 Feb: NSC adopted NSC 5/1 as NSC 5/2, directing preparation of ORE 10-48

Mon, 18 Feb: B/EE pressed for contribution on ORE 10-48

Tues, 17 Feb: ORE 6-48 submitted to G/Ea, B/EE pressed for contribution to ORE 10-48.

Wed, 18 Feb: First notice of adoption of NSC 5/2.

Wed, 18 Feb: Work on ORE 10-48 begun in B/EE.

Thur, 19 Feb: Contributions received from B/EE and B/NE; that from B/EE unsatisfactory.

Fri, 20 Feb: Preparation of initial draft of ORE 10-48 begun by P/GS.

Sat., 21 Feb: Drafting by P/GS, including original preparation of the contribution B/EE should have made.

Sun., 22 Feb: Drafting by P/GS

Mon, 23 Feb: Holiday

Tues, 24 Feb: Initial draft submitted to B/EE, B/NE, B/WE, B/No, and P/AP for comment.

Wed, 25 Feb: Initial draft under consideration by Branches; further P/GS consideration deferred pending completion of interdepartmental coordination of ORE 6-48.

Fri, 27 Feb: Comments of Branches received by P/GS

Mon, 1 Mar: Coordination of ORE 6-48 completed.

Mon, 1 Mar: Working level coordination with OIR (DRE and DRE) through B/NE.

Tues, 2 Mar: Initiation of working level coordination with G-2, A-2, and ONI through P/AP.

Tues, 2 Mar: P/GS engaged on priority tasks for NSC Staff, through 5 March.

Fri, 5 Mar: Working level coordination with OIR completed.

Mon, 8 Mar: P/GS awaiting working level coordination with G-2.

Tues, 9 Mar: P/GS revision of draft ORE 10-48 begun.

Wed, 10 Mar: P/GS conference with G-2 on ORE 10-48

Thur, 11 Mar: P/GS revision of draft ORE 10-48 completed.

Fri, 12 Mar: P/GS participation in joint ad hoc committee consideration of a related subject as a matter of priority.

Sat, 13 Mar: P/GS revision of draft ORE 10-48 resumed.

Sun, 14 Mar: P/GS revision of draft ORE 10-48 completed.

Mon, 15 Mar: Coordination of revisions within ORE completed and text submitted to G/Es.

Mon, 22 Mar: Departmental action due. OMI and A-2 concurred.

Tues, 23 Mar: Conference with OIR resulting in concurrence.

Tues, 23 Mar: Conference with G-2 regarding dissent.

Wed, 24 Mar: Final text sent to press.

Mon, 29 Mar: G-2 dissent received.

Tues, 30 Mar: Galleys received by P/GS and returned to G/Es.

Fri, 2 Apr: Presumed date of dissemination.